

HOUSE No. 4929

Section 381 contained in the engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2005 (see House, No. 4850), which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message, see Attachment CC of House, No. 4901). June 28, 2004.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Four

An Act relative to the Uncompensated Care Trust Fund.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to transferring money to the uncompensated care trust fund, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the comptroller, in consultation with the division of health care finance and policy and the secretary of health and human services, shall transfer \$75,000,000 in unexpended amounts from account number 4000-0896 in MMARS, so called, to the Uncompensated Care Trust Fund established pursuant to section 18 of chapter 118G of the General Laws, on or before October 1, 2004. The division of health care finance and policy, shall expend the aforementioned amount, without further appropriation, to reimburse acute hospitals for uncompensated care rendered during hospital fiscal year 2005.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of July 1, 2004.